

St. James Baptists Fete Rev. Simmons, Kin on Anniversary

A FIVE-DAY CELEBRATION honoring the Rev. J. L. Simmons, Mrs. Simmons and their daughter, Sharon, has been arranged for Aug. 25-29 by members of St. James Baptist Church in commemoration of their pastor's 15th anniversary at the 311 W. Madison Ave. church and his 23rd year of ministerial service in Las Vegas.

Programs are scheduled for Aug. 25-28 starting at 7:30 p.m. each evening, with concluding sessions on Sunday, Aug. 29, in the morning and afternoon.

Planners include the Revs. Tom Jenkins, Verce Franklin; Leon Davis, Isaiah Chester and M. L. Carroll; Deacons Mayger Brown, chairman; Norman Randle, Jessie Williams, Albert Richards, Sam Williams and Hiram Hill; Deaconesses Susie Jeffries, chairman, P. A. Washington, Alice Barnes, Noble Brown, Mary Dexter, Victoria Beck, Mattie Williams, Memrie Geroly, Frances Johnson and Willie Derrie; Sisters Mamie Tigner, Josephine Hill, Alberta Howard, Louise Henderson, Varea Williams, Berla McGraw, Mirrie Levi, Jacquelyn Hill, Shelly Smith, C. L. Threats, Mary Cannon, Sadie Walker, C. R. Franklin, Berta Simmons, Irene Parker, Geraldine Jones, Viola O'Neil and Carola Homen, clerk; Brothers Ernest Robinson, Albert Barnes and Eddie Lofton; Trustees William Parker, chairman; James Hill and Gus Howard.

Opening ceremonies and the Sunday morning program are in charge of the Rev. Donald Clark, with sermons scheduled to be delivered by the Revs. I. W. Wilson, A. B. Carr, J. L. Kemp, Lucy Davis and F. N. Addison. Also participating will be the Rev. V. C. L. Coleman, Supts. L. E. Knuckles and Wilson; Sisters Virginia Winn, Beulah Jones, Ethel Davis, Rose Carroll, Lucille Bryant and Leola Gray, usher board president, and Brothers Dilligard, John Wimberley and Jess Husband.

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ship and worship with other Christians. You may practice all the principles of Lionism, or Rotarianism or Kiwanianism without being a Lion, or a Rotarian, or a Kiwanian, but you cannot be a Lion, or a Rotarian, or a Kiwanian, without attending meetings of the club! The difference between such service clubs and the Church is that the very principles of Christianity COMPEL you to go to church, for you NEED the fellowship and worship that cannot be obtained in any other way except through CORPORATE worship.

How can the Church provide a sense of peace and certainty? We know of no better way to answer this question than to examine the Order of Worship in one of our larger denominations.

First, there is the organ or other musical prelude, which provides us with a preview of the good things still to come in our service. Our hearts are soothed as the message of the organ is conveyed to it by way of our ears. The power of music in religion should never be underestimated. And, because of its spiritual value, because God is speaking to us through the instrument and the hands which touch the keyboard, we should listen to the prelude reverently, with undivided attention.

Next, the opening hymn--a hymn of triumph. What would a church service be without congregational singing? From the very beginning of the Christian Church, singing by the congregation has been an integral part of worship. Take a typical opening hymn: "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord." Written by the Rev. Samuel J. Stone in 1866, this hymn has become one of the great hymns of the Church because it expresses the very heart of the Chris-

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tian message--The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord. She is His new creation. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride; with His own blood He "bought" her, and for her life He died.

Then comes the call to worship--an invitation from the Word of God to worship Him together. Then we sing together the rousing words and strains of the Doxology; we hear the brief invocation and sing, again together, the Gloria Patri. Then comes the reading of the Word responsively, the singing of another hymn, followed by our Offering. Notice that the hymns, the Doxology, the Gloria, the responsive reading, are portions of worship in which we ALL unite orally. Then we hear the pastoral prayer, the anthem, the reading of the Word and the sermon. Here, again, though we do not all participate orally, we unite in listening. Finally comes the last hymn and the Benediction.

HOW MANY OF THESE OR SIMILAR ELEMENTS OF CHURCH WORSHIP WOULD BE YOURS IN THE MOUNTAINS?

But there is more. There is the spirit of fellowship that we FEEL as we kneel and rise with other worshippers; there is the inspiration of sitting and LOOKING within God's House; there is the peace that descends upon our hearts as we realize that we are a real, tangible part of the Bride of Christ!

Let us not neglect the Bride!

Peace? Certainty? Security? Happiness? All of these await us within the House of God, His Church!

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